





# LIFESTYLES



Mr. Holley &amp; Miss Minix

## Miss Minix & Mr. Holley to be united in marriage June 9th in Moultrie, Georgia

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Minix of Moultrie, Ga. announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Lynn, of Montgomery, to Jason Ryan Holley of Elba, son of Senator and Mrs. Jimmy W. Holley of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allegood Jr. of Moultrie and the late Dr. and Mrs. Walter L. Minix Sr. of Moultrie.

Miss Minix is a 1994 graduate of Colquitt County High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in business from Troy State University in 1999 where she was a member of the Troy State Women's Golf Team. She is currently employed in Montgomery.

The groom is the grandson of the late Mr. John Edmon Holley of Elba and the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Neal Harmon of Greenville, Tenn.

Mr. Holley is a 1994 graduate of Elba High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Troy State University in 1998 where he was a member of Delta Chi Social Fraternity, Order of Omega Honor Society and Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society. He is co-owner of a business in Elba.

The wedding will take place on June 9, 2001, at First Baptist Church in Moultrie, Ga.

## Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home will host quarterly Family Council/Sponsor Meeting

Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home will hold the quarterly Family Council/Sponsor Meeting on March 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room. A special program on Alzheimer's will be presented by Ms. Kay Jones of the Alzheimer's Resource Center in Dothan. The public is invited. For questions, contact Lynn Smith, LBSW, director of social service, Elba Nursing Home at 897-2257, ext. 238.

## Douglas MacArthur State Technical College to offer Saturday Internet Seminar

The Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program at Douglas MacArthur State Technical College will offer an Introduction to the Internet Seminar on Saturday, April 21, 2001, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Raymond V. Chisum Health Sciences Building, Room 101.

This is an introduction seminar that offers basic Internet knowledge and skills including Internet terminology, working with browsers and searching the Internet. Topics covered include: Search Engines, Web Browsers, Web pages, URLs.

## Valiece Moore selected as semi-finalist for 2001 Coca Cola Scholars Foundation Program



Valiece Moore

Deadline for Social News is Monday!

Valiece L. Moore, a senior at Elba High School, has been selected as a semi-finalist for the 2001 Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Program.

To reach the status of semi-finalist is quite an accomplishment. Only 1,997 semi-finalists were designated from over 106,000 applicants nationwide. Out of 1,997 semi-finalists, 250 will be chosen for Coca-Cola scholarship awards. These 250 finalists will spend four days in Atlanta for interviews to determine the level of their awards. 200 finalists will be designated as Regional Scholars and will receive \$4,000 awards. The remaining 50 will be designated a National Scholars Award and will receive \$20,000 awards.

Valiece is the daughter of Rachel and Valerie Moore of Elba. She is vice-president of the Senior Beta Club, president of VICA and Auxiliary and Dance Line Captain in the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band. She is also an active member of many other clubs and organizations.



Mr. Wilson &amp; Miss Martin

## Miss Martin & Mr. Wilson plan May wedding

Johnny Martin and Henna Taylor of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jill Martin, to Joshua Fleming Wilson, son of Jessica Smith and the late Andy Wilson of the New Hope Community.

He is a 1994 graduate of Antion High School. He attended Troy State University where he received a Bachelor's degree in accounting and a Master's degree in business administration. Josh was a member of Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity. He is currently employed in Dothan.

The wedding is planned for 6 o'clock in the evening Saturday, May 19, 2001, at First Baptist Church in Elba. Reception will follow at the home of Eron Russell. No local invitations will be sent. All friends and family are invited to attend.

## Spring Book Sale to be held at Enterprise Public Library

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual Spring Book Sale at the Enterprise Public Library on Thursday, April 5, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate books in good condition may do so by dropping them off at the library during regular business hours. Proceeds are used to benefit the library.

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Mr. &amp; Mrs. Bice

## Bice-McDaniel united in marriage February 10

Lara Michelle McDaniel and Jonathan Michael Bice were married Feb. 10, 2001 in a candlelight service at Chapel in the Glen in Gaffney, Tenn.

The bride is the daughter of Robin and Vanessa McDaniel of Cullman. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Winfred Jordan of Cullman and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton McDaniel of Elba. Her great-grandmother is Ruby Jordan of Cullman.

The groom is the son of Lois Bice of Hanceville and the late Michael Bice of Hanceville.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a lavishly beaded 3-D Venice lace dress, embellished with hand sewn oyster seed pearls, illusion bordered scope neck with a full bouffant chiffon skirt and cathedral train. Attendants were Kim Elrod, sister of the groom, and Melissa Reese, friend of the bride.

After a wedding trip to Pigeon Forge, the couple resides in Cullman.

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## Miss Clay & Mr. Ashcraft announce May wedding plans



Miss Clay &amp; Mr. Ashcraft

Mr. James L. Clay, Sr., of Hohenwald, Tennessee, announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter Constance Scott Clay to Pat Ashcraft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn H. Ashcraft, Sr., of Newton, Kansas. The bride-elect is the daughter of the late Dr. James L. Clay of Elba and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Scott, Sr., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Clay, all of Hohenwald, Tennessee.

Connie is a 1983 graduate of Elba High School. She attended Vanderbilt University, where she received a degree in psychology in 1987 and a Doctorate in Human Resources Development in 1995. She is currently employed in Memphis, Tennessee.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clark Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ashcraft, all of Newton, Kansas. He attended Wichita State University and is presently employed in Memphis, Tennessee.

The wedding will take place on May 27 at half past six in the evening at the Center for Southern Folklore in Memphis, Tennessee, with a reception following at the Center. The Reverend Dick Clark of Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis will officiate.

## Mr. Sam Windham speaks to Magnolia Home & Garden Club

The monthly meeting of the Magnolia Home and Garden Club was held on March 1 at the Elba City Library. Thelma Hudson, hostess, had the meeting room decorated in the St. Patrick's motif. Alline Lee, vice-president, presided due to the absence of the president, Carrie Floyd was welcomed as a guest.

The program was presented by Mr. Sam Windham, who showed numerous slides of his daily collection. His presentation dealt with the care, fertilization and pollination of various hybrids of the lily flower. To conclude his talk, he gave a sample daily from his garden as a door prize. The lucky winner was Alline Lee.

In honor of his visit, the club sent a donation to his favorite charity, the First Assembly of God Church in New Brockton.

The club is planning a trip to Landmark Park in Dothan on April 5. This picnic will be a special social and cultural outing for the members. Any non-members interested in this trip are welcome. Just contact either Gene Kennett or Alline Lee for arrangements.

## C.C. Republican Women to meet in Enterprise March 23

Republican Women of Coffee County will be meeting at PoFolk's Restaurant in Enterprise on Wednesday, March 21, at 11:30 a.m. Betty Peters, president of Southeast Alabama Eagle Forum, will be speaking on Governor Siegelman's executive orders

and how they will affect everyone. The menu will be country fried steak with pepper gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and drink for \$7 inclusive. The public is invited. For reservations, call Joan Ayer at 347-1856.

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Pictured L. to R. Mrs. Ceina Spicer, Mrs. Nancy Crowe, Miss Emily Crowe-honoree and Mrs. Aubrey Wright

## Miscellaneous bridal coffee given in honor of Miss Emily Crowe by friends

The lovely home of Mrs. Ceina Spicer was the setting for a miscellaneous bridal coffee honoring Miss Emily Crowe, bride-elect of Erick Pennington, on Saturday morning, March 3, 2001. Many guests registered between the hours of ten and eleven o'clock.

The entry columns were decorated with Victorian swags of spring flowers pulled together with white tulle. Mrs. Spicer greeted the guests and directed them to the bridal registry which held a vase of lilies and was attended by Miss Katie Crowe, sister of the bride.

After registering, guests were presented to the receiving line composed of Miss Emily Crowe, the honoree, Mrs. Nancy Baker, Susan Barnes, Lakesha Brackins, Rhonda Brunson, Katrina Calhoun, Cindy

Hostesses for the elegant occasion were Lynn Baker, Pam Baker, Susan Barnes, Lakesha Brackins, Rhonda Brunson, Katrina Calhoun, Cindy



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# SCHOOLS

## Student Spotlight

by Francie English  
**Name:** Ashton Grimes  
**Parents:** Bryan and Anita Grimes  
**Age:** 14  
**Grade:** 8th  
**Favorite Color:** Orange  
**Favorite Music:** Anything with a beat  
**Clubs/Activities:** ECCLA, FFA, Band, and Colorguard  
**Interests/Hobbies:** Hanging out with friends, shopping, and talking on the phone  
**Personal Quote:** "Treat others the way you wish to be treated."  
 Ashton's favorite subject in school is science. She enjoys it so much because she likes going into the laboratory and doing experiments.

The one thing she likes best about Elba High School is the fact that she gets to spend time with her friends.

## Test taking skills & schedule

by Carmenda Coleman  
 The following is the testing schedule for Elba City Schools:  
 March 12 - Alabama High School - Graduation Exam (AHSGE) - Science  
 March 13 - AHSGE - Social Studies  
 March 14 - AHSGE - Language  
 March 15 - AHSGE - Math  
 March 16 - AHSGE - Reading  
 April 2 - SAT Training for all test administrators - EES-300  
 April 3 - SAT Training for all test administrators - EHS-300  
 April 3 - SAT - Math Procedures & Vocabulary - EES  
 April 4 - SAT - Reading Comprehension - EES  
 April 5 - SAT - Math Problem Solving - EES  
 April 9 - SAT - Reading Comprehension & Vocabulary - EHS  
 April 10 - SAT - Math - EHS  
 April 10 - SAT - Language - EES  
 April 11 - SAT - Social Sciences & Language - EHS  
 April 11 - SAT - Science &



Ashton Grimes

Ashton would love to be able to take a French class if it was offered at EHS.

After receiving her high school diploma, she plans to attend Auburn University to become a nurse.

She has yet to experience what she believes will be her most memorable moment at Elba High—graduating.



## Tiger Tales

**Editors:**  
 Bethany Dye  
 Amanda Beerenstrauch

## Students Of The Month

by Tabitha Schultz

This month's Students of the Month are Roshanda McKinnon and Kendall Stinson.

Roshanda was nominated by Mr. Ricky Carlie. According to Mr. Carlie, Roshanda is an honor student, a great athlete, a leader, a positive role model and has a great personality. Overall, Roshanda is a complete package.



Roshanda McKinnon



Kendall Stinson

Kendall Stinson was nominated by Coach Brian Weeks. Coach Weeks commented, "Kendall is a very good student and is a pleasure to have in class."

Congratulations to Roshanda and Kendall for being Elba High School's Students of the Month.

**SALUTE!!**

## Spanish Club takes a field trip

by Amanda Beerenstrauch

On Feb. 21, thirty-five members of the Elba High School Spanish Club traveled to Ozark, Ala. to attend a play at the Ozark Civic Center.

The play, "Manana de Abril y Mayo," was presented in both Spanish and English, allowing the students the opportunity to fully understand the play.

The theme of the production included love, fidelity and codes of honor.

After the performance, the students were given a chance to talk to the actors—in Spanish. Spanish Club sponsor, Mr. Stephen Mendez said, "It was a wonderful play. The students enjoyed it."

The trip was a true learning experience for those who went.

## Black History Month assembly

by Hunter Branch  
 On Feb. 28, Darryl Elliot, also known as "Darryl E." from Hot 105.7 radio came to Elba High School and spoke during an assembly to celebrate Black History Month.

After a great performance given by the EHS Chorus, Darryl began by telling the students about his past. He encouraged the students to focus on their dreams in life and to make their own choices. He emphasized the importance of hard work and a good education.

"Everybody has some kind of talent," he said. "You may not know what it is right now, but sooner or later you will find out." The program was very insightful and was enjoyed by



Darryl Elliot

students and faculty alike. We would like to thank Mr. Elliot for coming to our school.

## Band News

Music to one's ears

by Bethany Dye

Each year, many bands from all over District VIII (mostly Southeast Alabama) participate in the District VIII Alabama Bandmasters' Association Band Festival, held at Troy State University. Each high school or middle school band involved performs on stage in the Smith Hall auditorium for ratings and then has the option to sight-read music in the band room. This year, the festival was held on Feb. 22-24. The panel of distinguished judges included Mr. Daniel Byrd, Mr. Jessie Walker, Mr. Stewart Hampton and Mr. Tony Weststone.

The Elba High School concert band took its place on the stage on Thursday the 22nd at 5:00 p.m. The band's songs included "Rough Riders March" by Karl L. King, "They Led My Lord Away" by Adoniram J. Gordon and Fred J. Allen, and "The Mielstrom" by Robert W. Smith.

After the stage performance, the band migrated to the Troy State band room for sight-reading. Before playing, seven minutes were allotted for discussion of the two required sight-reading pieces, a chorale and an overture.

The concert band received superior ratings from the sight-reading judge and all three stage judges. Needless to say, the scores were "music to their ears." According to Band Director Jeff Ellis, because these scores qualify the band for state, they plan to move on to the next level and take part in the state band festival in March.

## Elba Elementary School Menu March 19 - 23, 2001

### BREAKFAST

**Monday** - Cheese Sandwich, Applesauce, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Thursday** - Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Friday** - Cheese Grills, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

### LUNCH

**Monday** - No Lunch Served - Teacher In Service - Students dismissed at 11:20  
**Tuesday** - Freshfruit, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk  
**Thursday** - Breaded Beef Patty, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Field Peas, Roll, Sliced Peaches, Milk  
**Friday** - Taco Salad, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk

## Kindergarten Registration

Elba Elementary School Kindergarten Registration for the 2001-2002 school year is scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 22, and Friday, March 23, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Elba Elementary Conference Room. Parents should bring a current blue shot record, a copy of the student's birth certificate and a copy of the student's social security card. The school will be unable to register new students without these documents.

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

## NEWS From ESJC

\*Enterprise State Junior College's popular special interest course, Using the Microcomputer Level I, will be offering a third session this spring semester to assist persons having NO keyboarding skills. Participants will be introduced to the computer keyboard, taught basic computer terminology, and have hands-on experience with a word processing package. Overcoming a fear of computer usage, understanding basic keyboarding functions, and

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# SCHOOLS

## Faculty Spotlight

Coach Charles Edwards is a member of the 191st Maintenance Company, a reserve unit stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala. He and 104 other members of his unit went to Kaiserslautern, Germany, for their annual training.

The flight to Germany took 9 1/2 hours and the flight home took 11 1/2 hours.

Their mission was to repair parts and equipment to support active duty soldiers stationed in Europe and the Middle East.

Coach Edwards is in tech-spy which has to receive and ship parts and equipment for the entire post which consists of 11 shops.

He said that he enjoyed the work because he knew that his work was helping soldiers that put their lives on the line and that it was not just working on equipment that was going to sit in the motorpool until the next month's drill.

He said, "Working 12 hour shifts was tough, however, leaving my wife and children was the toughest part of the mission. I called home every night, but it was nothing compared to kissing my children goodnight at bedtime." He also said that it was difficult having to leave the girls basketball team at the most



Charles Edwards

important part of the season.

Coach Edwards said he would like to thank, in addition to his family, the Coffee County Board of Education, Mr. Rodger Bowden, Mr. Bob Andrews, and Mr. Wayne Vickers, and the members of the physical education department for their support. He said, "The reserves make up over half of our country's defense. Having families, employers and co-workers like I have allows members of the reserve to continue to serve America with pride."

**SALUTE!**



## Zion Chapel High School REBEL NEWS

Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

## FBLA Regional Winners

18 people from Zion Chapel were winners in 10 categories at the recent Region meeting and competition of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

The meeting was held at Escambia High School—an Atmore and schools from both District III and District IV participated.

Zion Chapel competed in 21 competitions and had finalists in 10. These finalist will compete at the Alabama State Conference in Birmingham in April.

The winners in individual events were Kristen Johns, Business Procedures; Marcus Taylor, Economics; Brandon Arnold, Introduction to

Parliamentary Procedure; Lee Bouswell, Introduction to Business; Cortney Tracy, FBLA Principles and Procedures; Sarah Maddox, Job Interview; Mallorie Bedsole, Future Business Leader; and Dawn Johnson, Introduction to Business Communications.

The winners in team events were the Entrepreneurship team and the Parliamentary Procedure team. Members of the Entrepreneurship team are Kimberly Jordan, Brittany Thompson, Leigh Anne Bührmann, and Amber Henderson. Members of the Parliamentary Procedure team are Annie Perry, Heather Arnold, Heather Danley, Allan Harrison, Whitney Stephens and Tracy Banks.

## New building nears completion



A new computer lab and business department is under construction at Zion Chapel High School. It is less than two months away from construction being finished.

The building has been wired for electricity and the frame for the drop ceiling has almost been finished. The company installing the central heat and air had to wait until the drop ceiling frame was installed before they could complete their work, however, they only like the part of the system that will be the visual vents inside the classroom. The painting has to be done, cabinets have to be installed, and wiring for the computers has to be finished.

Mrs. Rachel Bryan, instructor of computer and business courses, said, "I am thrilled about this new building. I have been asked many times in recent months, when would I retire. My answer now is that I'm not. I'm going to be the one to wear the new off this building. Many years ago when the library building was moved from Goodman and became my classroom, I was thrilled because of the space it gave me."

## Rebel News Briefs

### JV & Varsity cheerleaders named

After a period of preparing for tryouts and then holding tryouts, the members of the junior varsity and varsity cheerleader squads for the 2001-2002 school year have been chosen.

The junior varsity cheerleaders are Heather Sanders, Jacque Cowart, Christina McWaters, Courtney Dykes, Rosanna Johnson and Shea Manning. Heather Sanders is the captain and Jacque Cowart is the co-captain.

The varsity cheerleaders are Ashley Wambles, Amanda Perry, Whitney Stephens, Kim Rayburn, Nicole Brown, Kala Bundrick, Heather Golden, Kenna Roberts, Meta Gatlin, Amber Henderson and Jessica Flowers. Ashley Wambles is the captain and Amanda Perry is the co-captain.

### Fine Arts

The State of Alabama requires one-half unit in Fine Arts. The Coffee County Board of Education requires that one-half plus one-half more.

Fine Arts includes, among other things, music. At Zion Chapel, the best chance to get the credit in fine arts is music. Students who take band for one year in the ninth grade or a higher grade automatically earn their one credit. If a person is never in band, then the answer to solve the dilemma of earning this credit is to take a course called Music Appreciation.

## TSU Band tryouts announced

Troy State University's "Sound of the South" Marching Band will hold auditions for auxiliary members—drumline, color guard, majorettes, dance line and feature twirler—April 20-21. For more information, contact Carol Franks, cfranks@tro- jaan.troy.edu, advisor to auxiliaries, or Cae Allen, 334-566-7193, majorette/dance choreographer. Or visit the TSU band website at [www.tsumusic.org/auditions/auxiliaries2001.html](http://www.tsumusic.org/auditions/auxiliaries2001.html) for more details on each audition.

## Students & Faculty Of Zion Chapel High & Elementary Schools HAVE A SAFE SPRING HOLIDAY!

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## ZCES participates in Read Across America



Pictured above are (l-r): front row - Deborah Herron, Alene Lee, Sue Brown, Linda Westbrook, Betty Refleege, and Jecharia Parker; back row - J. R. Ward, Charles Walker, Herby McCall, Mickey Counts, Wayne Vicker, and Homer Moore.

Zion Chapel Elementary participated in the most popular of all Read Across America activities—they invited guest readers to come to the elementary classes. The NEA research says that "there is something powerful about a local policeman, fire fighter, mayor, radio personality, pastor, high school quarterback, or grandmother, sitting down and sharing their love for reading with students." Guest readers at Zion Chapel were Sue Brown, Alene Lee, J. R. Ward II, Deborah Herron, Betsy Dismukes, Herby McCall, Mickey Counts, Charles Walker, Betty Refleege, Linda Westbrook, Homer Moore, Wayne Vickers, Jecharia Parker, and Elizabeth Dyess.



Herby McCall

Dr. Seuss' 97th birthday, students enjoyed a breakfast of green eggs and ham, made Cat in the Hat hats and dressed in red and white.

## News From MacArthur Tech

### Coffee and Covington County Senior Aides Attend Computer Training at MacArthur

On Tuesday, March 6, 2001, MacArthur State Technical College hosted a seminar, Introduction to Computers, in conjunction with the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission - Senior Aides Program.

As part of the March quarterly meeting, the two-hour training course was designed to introduce Coffee and Covington County Senior Aides to the world of computers.

"We are extremely grateful to MacArthur State Technical College, especially Terry Spicer and Cindy Clark for their assistance in arranging this workshop for the Senior Aides," said Barbara Knight, Project Director for the Senior Aides Program.

Instructors with the Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program at MacArthur conducted the hands-on computer training. The training began with a PowerPoint presentation on Basic Windows Terminology. The PowerPoint presentation introduced the Senior Aides to

basic terms related to computing such as: Icons; Programs; Applications; Pointing; Selecting; Clicking; Menu; and the Internet.

The Senior Aides received step-by-step instruction on how to properly start-up the computer, how to use the mouse; how to format a diskette; how to place an internal label on a diskette; and how to properly shut down the computer. Each Senior Aide was given access to a computer and the opportunity to apply these skills as they were introduced. Instructors were available to assist the Senior Aides as needed.

One Senior Aide said, "This is not hard once you get the hang of it!"

The Senior Aides were also given handout material to use as a reference following the training. The handouts included topics such as: how to format a diskette; how to care for a diskette; basic Windows terminology; and keyboard shortcuts. "The majority of Senior Aides had limited computer experience prior to the class," stated Ms. Knight. "However, I believe they all learned enough to get them started and build on

until the next class which we hope to schedule in early summer. Confidence seemed to be the greatest benefit derived from the class."

For more information on continuing education classes or training for business and industry, please contact the Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program at MacArthur, (334) 493-3573, ext. 244.

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## SPORTS

Views from...

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I have never been much of a movie buff and rarely ever sit down long enough to watch a video, but the girls were out of school last Friday and to make certain they wouldn't run out of things to do, came home Thursday night with five videos to watch over the long weekend. I checked the rating on the videos and passed them on, but apparently one of the videos was more than a little scary, because on Saturday morning when I woke up our 12-year-old was in the bed with us. Hey, I don't like scary movies either!

## A LOOK AT THE SPORTS NOTEBOOK...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers opened their baseball season last week and closed the week's action with a 1-1 record after a win over New Brockton and a loss to Brantley. The Tigers owned a big 9-1 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh against the Gamecocks before turning back a late rally to escape with a 9-7 win, while they left the bases loaded with the score tied in the seventh and then lost in extra innings to the Bulldogs 7-6. Elba starts four sophomores and three freshmen this season, and while the Tigers may struggle at times, the youngsters should get better and better as the season progresses. One key will be the pitching staff, especially with a tough schedule that includes three games a week, while another key will be how the young batters adjust to high school pitching. Elba should have a shot at winning the area again this season, but nothing will come easy for Coach Grimes or his Tigers.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers will hit the field this week for their season opener, and for the third straight season the girls will be under the direction of a new head coach. Former Kinston coach Amelia Rhoades will guide the Lady Tigers this season, and while she inherited only four players back from last year's 46-14 squad, everyone on the team has been working hard in practice and the girls are excited about playing. This year's schedule includes 40 regular season games and 3 tournaments, and weather permitting, the Lady Tigers will play in a minimum of 48 games. That is a lot of games for even an experienced team to play, and there is no doubt they will work hard every day and in every game to improve. It should be a very interesting season.

\*\*\* While everyone across the state was wondering if Alabama would make the NCAA tournament field, the Hornets up at Alabama State were quietly going about their business, and on Saturday afternoon, on nationwide TV on ESPN2, punched their ticket to the big dance by winning the SWAC tournament. The Hornets, led by former Andalusia standout Joey Ball, won the regular season title and then put the icing on the cake with the tournament championship. Coach Rob Spivry had taken some heat since his arrival a few years back, but that is now in the past, and the Hornets have added a new page in their already crowded history book.

\*\*\* The youth baseball and softball seasons will start in early April here in Elba, and while the numbers are a little down, there will once again be six leagues in baseball and six leagues in softball for the kids to choose from. Both leagues will include teams for boys and girls ages 4-18, and all the parents need to make sure that their kids take part. I know that going to the beach and sleeping in is fun, but the seasons will start in April and have six weeks under their belts before school gets out, and every one needs to be a part of a team and learn the valuable lessons taught by taking part in team sports. If your child hasn't signed up, get a form today and encourage them to play. Let it be their decision, not yours, and please support the overall program.

\*\*\* While the NCAA tournament gets a lot of attention, another national tournament is underway in Kansas, and this one includes Faulkner University, of Montgomery, and former New Brockton Gamecock standout Keltner Cole. Cole and the Eagles earned a berth in the NAIA tournament and are considered to be among the favorites. Cole was a defensive standout while at New Brockton, but rarely got to shoot from the outside in the Gamecocks' highly-structured offense. At Faulkner, Cole led the team in three-pointers and appears to be a shoe-in to earn "All Freshman" honors in the conference. While every junior college in the State came calling, it looks like Cole made the right choice and has made the step to college without missing a beat.

\*\*\* Former Elba Tiger standout Tim Ware closed out his freshman season at Calhoun Community College last week at the Regional Junior College Tournament, and while Ware did put up some good numbers, it wasn't anything like the season Ware or his teammates were hoping for. Ware missed 10 games due to various injuries, while the Warhawks failed to post a winning record after placing second in the nation only one year ago. Things can happen at the junior college level that makes it hard to win, and that was the case this year up at Calhoun. Now, Ware has to hit the books, get his grades up and make certain that his sophomore year is better than his first year at Calhoun, both on the court and in the classroom. His future in basketball depends on both.

\*\*\* In closing, I stopped by the Elba Tiger weight room one day last week and was surprised to see the room filled with athletes working on almost every station. One player squatted 600 pounds, and while the others weren't quite as strong, it was obvious that the players in the weight room were enjoying what they were doing and were getting much stronger. It will take that kind of determination and dedication for the Tigers to turn the football program back around, and it looks like the Tigers have already taken the first step back.

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## Elba Tigers win season opener

The Elba Tigers opened their baseball season last Tuesday afternoon in New Brockton and had to turn back a late Gamecock rally to escape with an exciting 9-7 win.

New Brockton scored in the bottom of the second to grab an early 1-0 lead, only to see the Tigers answer in the top of the third to pull even.

Ralston Moore opened the Tiger third with a single, moved to second on a single by Richard Myers, reached third on a fielder's choice off the bat of Derrick Thomas, and then scored to tie the game at 1-1 on a sacrifice fly by Aaron Godwin.

Elba plated two runs in the top of the fourth to grab a 3-1 lead, and then plated two more runs in the fifth to extend its lead to 5-1 over the Gamecocks. The fourth inning fireworks were started with back-to-back singles by Brandon Salter and Marcus Henderson, while Jason Curran later knocked in Salter.

Elba Tiger coach Wynn Grimes believes youthful Tigers will get better as season progresses

The Elba Tigers opened the 2001 high school baseball season last week with a win over New Brockton and an extra-inning loss to Brantley, and while the early home field loss was unexpected, Coach Wynn Grimes is still convinced that his youthful Tigers can be a very competitive team as the season develops.

"We start four sophomores and three freshmen," stated Coach Grimes, "and our youth shown in the loss to Brantley. We all know that at times we might struggle both at the plate and in the field, but all of our players work hard and know how to play the game, and before long we should be a pretty good baseball team."

"The key for us will be to make the easy plays," added Grimes. "The hard plays are fun to watch and get the fans excited, but you have to be solid fundamentally and make the plays you are supposed to make to win ball games. We have to play good on defense and hit the baseball to win games, and that is really pretty simple. As we gain some experience we should be able to win our share of games."

Leading the way for the Tigers this season will be senior Brandon Salter. Salter batted 320 with 8 doubles last season, and also recorded a 3-4 record on the mound as he pitched 45

with a sacrifice fly, and Henderson scored six runs in the bottom of the seventh to cut the Elba lead to 9-7 with only one out and a runner on second.

Brandon Salter, the Tigers' starting pitcher, returned to the mound to extinguish the rally, and struck out the next two batters to preserve the wild 9-7 win.

The Elba Tigers saw their early-season record slip to 1-1 Thursday afternoon when the Brantley Bulldogs came to town and left with a 7-6 win, in eight innings.

The Tigers shut out the Bulldogs in the top of the first inning, then plated two runs of their own in the bottom of the frame to grab a quick 2-0 advantage. A one-out single by Brandon Petty started the early Elba uprising, while consecutive errors on balls hit by Brandon Salter and Marcus Henderson loaded the bases. Jason Curran followed with a two-run single, and the Tigers were off and running with a 2-0 lead.

Brantley pushed across two runs in the top of the third to pull even at 2-2, but the Tigers answered with a single run in the bottom of the inning to regain the lead at 3-2. A two-out single by Marcus Henderson started the Tiger rally, while Ralston Moore walked to force Henderson to second, and Henderson then scored on an RBI single by Jason Curran.

The Bulldogs plated four runs in their half of the fifth inning to take a 6-3 lead, but then watched Elba score a lone run in the bottom of the frame to pull within 6-4. Elba's lone run came when Marcus Henderson was hit by a pitch, stole second, moved up to third on a fielder's choice off the bat of Ralston Moore, and scored on a wild pitch.

The Tigers continued their comeback in the sixth, and cut the Brantley lead to 6-5 when Richard Myers drew a lead off walk, moved to second on an error off the bat of Clay Sutley, and raced home on a double by Aaron Godwin.

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Aaron Godwin, Brandon Salter and Ralston Moore all got 2 hits for the Tigers in the win, while Brandon Salter was the winning pitcher as he pitched four and two-thirds innings and allowed 2 hits, while striking out 7 batters.

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March 15	Pleasant Home	Home	4:00
March 19	Brantley	Away	4:00
March 20	Luverne	Away	4:00
April 2	Pleasant Home	Away	4:00
April 3	Kinston	Home	3:30
April 5	Andalusia	Home	3:30
April 7	Pleasant Home Tournament	TBA	
April 9	Opp	Away	3:30
April 10	Geneva County	Away	3:30
April 12	Samson	Home	3:30
April 17	New Brockton	Away	3:30
April 19	Zion Chapel	Home	4:30
April 21	Sweet Swingers Tournament	TBA	
April 23	Samson	Away	3:30
April 24	Opp	Home	3:30
April 26	Andalusia	Away	3:30
April 28	Samson Tournament	Samson	TBA
April 30	Luverne	Home	4:00
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May 12	Sectional Tournament	Dothan	TBA
May 15	Sub-State Finals	TBA	TBA
May 18-19	State Tournament Montgomery	TBA	

Note: All games are doubleheaders.

## High School

\*Baseball \* Softball \*

## DIAMOND DATES

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

Baseball

Kinston at Elba (5:00)

Brantley at Zion Chapel (4:00)

Softball

Pleasant Home at Elba (2) 4:00

Elba JV at Luverne JV (2) 4:30

Straughn at New Brockton (2) 4:00

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Baseball

Elba at Greenville (4:00)

Softball

Zion Chapel JV at Florala JV (1) 4:00

New Brockton in Andalusia Tournament

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Baseball

Highland Home at New Brockton (4:00)

Softball

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MONDAY, MARCH 19

Baseball

Straughn at Elba (3:30)

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Softball

Elba at Brantley (2) 4:00

Highland Home at New Brockton (2) 4:00

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

Baseball

Elba at Enterprise (5:00)





# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Walk! Alabama begins in Coffee County March 18

by Angela Hughes  
County Extension Agent

Looking for a fun and risk-free way to burn fat, lower blood pressure, lose weight, ward off heart disease, strengthen your bones and muscles, prevent certain cancers, boost your mood and add years to your life?

Walk! Alabama may be just what you're looking for.

Walk! Alabama is a fun, eight-week, competitive walking program coming to Coffee County March 18th through May 12th. It is designed to get Alabamians in the habit of walking for exercise.

How does Walk! Alabama work?

In each county, teams of

eight friends, neighbors, family members and/or co-workers can compete to see which team can walk the most miles and be the first to reach 850 miles.

The goal is for each county to get as many eight-member teams as they can to compete.

There are a lot of team possibilities. For example, business versus business, or department versus department within a business, neighborhood versus neighborhood, moms versus

dads, school class versus school class, 1st-5th grade classes, school versus school, teachers versus students, teachers versus teachers, and churches versus churches. The list goes on and on. Prizes will be awarded to the first team to reach the 850-mile goal, as well

as the team with the most miles.

Team members can walk as a group or individually. Each team member keeps a log of his or her miles and reports the total to a team captain each week. The team's total mileage is tracked weekly on an official

Walk! Alabama map posted in the Coffee County Extension Office.

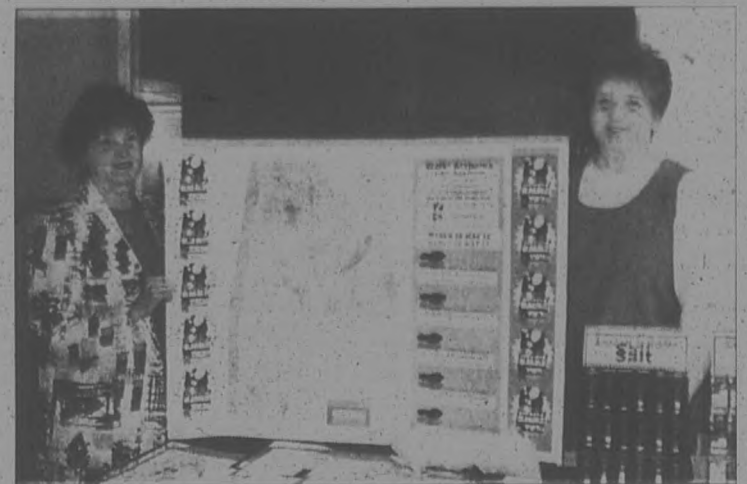
To participate, get an eight-member team together, name the team, choose a team captain and fill out a registration form. Forms are free and available in New Brockton at the Extension office. The kick-off celebration for Walk! Alabama is scheduled for March 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community room of the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton.

For those interested, official Walk! Alabama T-shirts (\$8 each) and pedometers (\$14 each) may be purchased at each county Extension office.

For more information about Walk! Alabama, contact the Alabama Cooperative Extension System office at 894-5596.

The chart at right is a rate comparison of some of the existing water users of the Elba Water and Electric Board.

Rates on the top 12 to 15 high volume water users increase on a larger percentage that those shown with the 50,000 gallon user going from \$52.50 to \$92.50 and 700,000 gallon user increasing from \$560.00 to \$1,262.00.



Walk! Alabama was just one of the many projects Judy Killingsworth (left) and Angela Hughes (right) were promoting for the Coffee County Extension Office on Tuesday, March 13, at the Elba Health Fair.

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NO OF CUSTOMERS	CONSUMPTION	OLD RATE	April 1st	NEW RATE
300	FLAT RATE	\$7.00		\$8.00
483	AVERAGE 3,500	\$9.50		\$11.00
474	AVERAGE 7,000	\$16.25		\$19.50
230	AVERAGE 20,000	\$28.75		\$38.50

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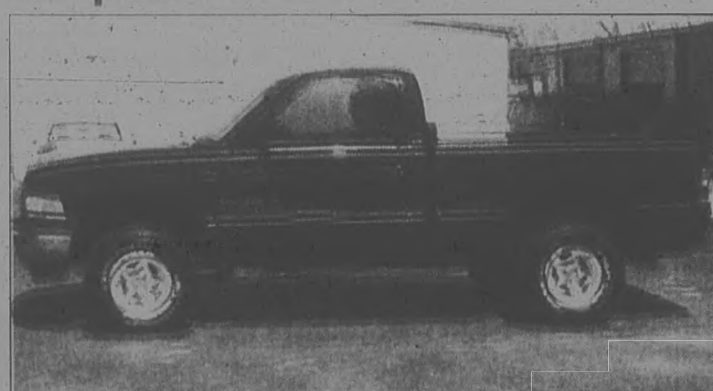
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## S.A.V.E. PROGRAM TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

### DA working to prevent violence in school

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The 12th Judicial Circuit's District Attorney, Mark Fuller, was the guest speaker at the Elba Lions' Club meeting on Monday, March 12. His topic was the violence in today's schools.

Fuller, who is a "refresher" of the Lions' memories, of the eighteen school shootings that have occurred in the United States within the last four years. The most recent occurrence was in California less than two weeks ago. Students have been killed and numerous others wounded.

The district attorney told the Elba Lions about steps that his office is taking in hopefully preventing such incidences occurring in local schools.

One such program which is in the process of being implemented is S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violence in Education). This program is designed to facilitate all school systems in Coffee and Pike counties in obtaining information about school violence or drugs in local schools through anonymous information designed by the CrimeStoppers program except that it is tailored toward school aged children.

The program's objective is to reward students with monetary or in-kind compensation for information which alerts school officials to any potential violence, handguns, weapons, or drugs being possessed in local schools so that these dangers can be eliminated prior to the occurrence of any dangerous act.

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locally, Fuller told Lion members that as recently as this week, five students in schools located in the 12th Judicial District have been expelled for threatening to kill their fellow students - two in Troy, two in Enterprise, and one in Kinston.

"If you think it can't happen in our community - I think we are kidding ourselves," said Fuller.

The DA pointed out that over the past five years school violence in urban and suburban schools has increased - in some incidences - as much as 59 percent. He also pointed out that local, state and federal prison systems' populations continue to increase at an alarming rate.

Fuller pointed out some characteristics of serious or chronic juvenile offenders that parents and school officials should be aware of. They are delinquency case before age 13, low family income, child deemed troublesome by teachers and peers at age 8-10, poor school performance by age 10, psychomotor clumsiness, low non-verbal IQ, sibling convicted of crime, and history of head injury and/or physical/sexual abuse.

Some constructive initiatives that can be taken to prevent school violence are: create a safety net for children by ensuring that there are activities for every age group from preschool to high school, make sure that every child has at least one supportive adult who will not give up on him or her, integrate public services in such a way that special help is created for especially vulnerable children, and ensure there is a coordinated violence-prevention plan in all schools that goes beyond metal detectors.

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## CRIMINAL COURT-ELBA DIVISION SET FOR APRIL

### Docket call trims number of cases to be tried

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A term of criminal court for the Elba Division of Coffee County has been scheduled for the week of April 2, 2001 with the Honorable Thomas E. Head, III presiding.

Last Friday at 9 a.m. attorneys and judges assembled in the courtroom at the Elba Courthouse for a docket call. There were 123 cases listed on the docket involving 67 individuals (several individuals had more than one charge against them).

After the docket call, there were 26 cases set for trial, 23 were to be plead or tried, 56 were continued, 12 left pending, 1 defendant granted youthful offender status, 4 entered pleas and 1 defendant had a hearing scheduled in his case.

The following is a list of the defendants, their charges and the disposition in each case.

State of Alabama Vs Larry Huff, charged with robbery in the second degree; case continued.

State of Alabama Vs Alan Lee Gilkerson; charged with burglary in the third degree; case set for trial or plea.

State of Alabama Vs Angela Lavella Hill; charged with possession/receiving cocaine, use/possession drug paraphernalia, and distribution of cocaine; case set for trial or plea.

State of Alabama Vs Dorlan Hammond; charged with receiving stolen property in the first degree; case continued.

State of Alabama Vs Wallace Holmes; charged with attempted murder; case set for trial.

State of Alabama Vs Earnest Junior Barron; charged with two (2) counts of sexual abuse in the first degree; case continued.

State of Alabama Vs Keith Tyson; charged with receiving stolen property in the first and second degree and robbery in the first degree; case set for trial or plea.

State of Alabama Vs Michael E. Bullard; charged with two (2) counts of possession methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and use/possession of drug paraphernalia; case set for trial or plea.

State of Alabama Vs Susan Holderfield Harrison; charged with distribution of a controlled substance; case continued.

State of Alabama Vs Randy Tyson; charged with distribution of cocaine; case set for trial or plea.

State of Alabama Vs Larry Dean Moore; charged with two (2) counts of distribution of methamphetamine; case continued.

State of Alabama Vs Patrick L. Harvey; charged with escape in the second degree; defendant entered a plea.

State of Alabama Vs Barbara J. Moore; charged with two (2) counts of distribution of methamphetamine; case continued.

State of Alabama Vs Jason Noel Kilcrease; charged with theft in the first degree; case continued.

State of Alabama Vs Steven Gerome Stackhouse; charged with possession of marijuana in the first degree; case set for trial.

State of Alabama Vs Jonathan Gilbert; charged with two (2) counts of forgery in the second degree; case pending - alias warrants issued by the judge.

State of Alabama Vs Sharon Leigh Kilcrease; charged with receiving stolen property in the first degree; case set for trial.

State of Alabama Vs Fredrick Waters; charged with possession of a forged instrument in the second degree; case set for trial.

State of Alabama Vs James Waters; charged with manslaughter; case continued.

State of Alabama Vs William O.

Martin; charged with felon DUI; case continued.

State of Alabama Vs Ronnie Joe Edwards; charged with unlawful distribution of marijuana; case continued.

State of Alabama Vs Salim Smith; charged with assault in the second degree